

VMHA Board Meeting September 26, 2023, at 7:00

In Attendance:

Carrie Stark	Sarah Kastendieck	Candice Young	Krista Miller
Tori McMillan	Brooke Fadden	Brad Wight	Kelsey Rose
Jenna Betz	Sean Tennant	Chris Parchewsky	Carmen Unland
Jodi Selte	Dwayne Sheppard	Melissa Guentner	Amy Eyben
Rob McCulley	Travis Woywitka	Blair Molsberry	

Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order by Blair Molsberry at 7:09 PM.

Approval of Agenda:

Melissa Guentner made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Chris Parchewsky. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Melissa Guentner made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Seconded by Tori McMillan. Motion carried.

Presidents Report:

Egamesheets/lpad - Try mobile phones first. No decision made at this time, to remain on agenda for the next meeting.

50/50 Online - Should we go back to selling tickets vs online? Come to the next meeting with ideas for fundraising instead of doing 50/50. Plan right now is to continue with the cash calendar and do two cash calendars for the 2023-2024 season; one before Christmas and one after Christmas. Sell cash calendars in November and do draws in December.

Tournament Funds - \$1000 from VMHA for Raffle Tables at Tournaments

Rob McCulley made a motion that VMHA provide each raffle table at each tournament \$1000 to shop locally to purchase items for their raffle tables. Seconded by Brooke Fadden. Motion carried.

Nov 1 Oilers Day In Vermilion - Hunter and Oilers Alumni will be in Vermilion on Nov 1, they will be moving around businesses in town and visiting the local schools about opportunities with the Oilers. There will be a skate for U7-U9 (coaches included/no parents) with the Oilers Alumni and Hunter at the Stadium that day. This skate is only for U7-U9 as there are too many kids to put more on the ice. Jr B's will have a game that night in town, VMHA will cancel all practices from 7PM on; so that all VMHA teams can attend the game wearing their VMHA jerseys (for free is in the works for kids only wearing their jerseys). The Oilers Alumni and Hunter will be at the Jr B game doing some fun activities and puck drop.

Nov 4 Oilers Game (Vermilion Day) 50/50 - To purchase tickets for the Nov 4 Oilers game for Vermilion Day; you must reach out to the contact with the Oilers in the emails VMHA has shared with everyone.

Directors need to find out which teams will not have enough players to play games on Nov 4 and we need to ask NEAHL to not schedule any games for Nov 4 for teams.

Blair has been told that we do not need to work the 50/50 for the Nov 4 Oilers game; but we will receive the proceeds from the 50/50.

Need to work with Richard with ice schedules for Nov 4.

Alberta Broadband Networks - Sponsorship - Alberta Broadband Networks would like to partner with VMHA to sponsor us in some regard; such as jerseys, tournaments and/or pizza parties.

Sarah Kastendieck and Travis Woywitka to work with them to find out what they will sponsor.

Socks - Socks are for sale again this year; they will be at the concession for \$25/pair. Socks will be cash only.

Picture Days - Picture Days are Nov 20 and Nov 21 in the Arena. There is no schedule at this time.

Hockey Canada Access Codes - Hockey Canada has a coaches website; there is a free portion on the website for some drills. There is a paid portion for \$47.99/coach/year to access better information. If this is purchased in bulk the price drops to \$35/coach/year. Is this something that VMHA wants to offer to the Head Coaches?

Tori McMillan made a motion to purchase this application for all head coaches at VMHA's cost for the year. Seconded by Melissa Guenther. Motion carried.

Rec Board Communication - Blair Molsberry met with Ryan Leahy; VMHA will be getting Live Barn. The Skating Club has requested the cameras be blocked during their ice sessions. Blair to double check with Ryan that both rinks will be set up with Live Barn. Ryan is also looking into using the upstairs in the Stadium as a warm up room or dryland room during the winter season. Please let Ryan Leahy know if we need anything specific brought up at the meetings.

Over Age and Under Age Fees/What To Charge - If we have a kid playing under age or over age in a division, which fee do we charge?

Melissa Guenther made a motion to charge kids the fee of the division they are playing in. Seconded by Brad Wight. Motion carried.

Clothing - We have two options; 12ThirtyFour and Factory to choose from for VMHA Clothing; Blair sent out marketing from each to look at. Brooke Fadden made a motion to use 12ThirtyFour Clothing for VMHA clothing this year. Seconded by Brad Wight. Motion carried. Blair to contact Jen Croke that we will be using 12ThirtyFour for our clothing.

Financial Statements - The Year End Financial Statements were not signed last year. Carrie Stark to sign the Financial Statements.

Exhibition Games - In the past years VMHA has offered to pay for one exhibition game per team per year. Do we want to do this again?

Melissa Guenther made a motion to allow each girls team U11 and up 2 exhibition games paid for by VMHA and each boys team U11 and up 1 exhibition game paid for by VMHA. Seconded by Brad Wight. Motion carried.

Managers are to contact Richard Lavoie for ice slots.

\$500 Goalie Equipment Credit - Last year VMHA offered goalies U11 and up a \$500 equipment credit; it was being used as a retention tactic; and did not work well. We also were working with Grant Money to pay the \$500 credit last year. VMHA does provide a \$500 credit for U11 and up for any returning goalies that attended goalie camps in the summer (need to revamp the Handbook on how this is worded). Please provide receipts to Sarah Kastendieck for goalie camps.

ECAFHL Rep - Trevor Hill has taken this role.

Tournament and Jr B Conflicts -

Dec 1 U15M 2 Games (Move to Mannville)

Dec 16 U18F Move 1 Game To Arena

Jan 26 U15F 2 Games (Move to Dewberry)

Feb 2 U11 Move 1 Game To Arena

Practices Time Issues -

U13M - Coach Issue

U15F - Club Volleyball

U18M - Football

VMHA has decided to stay out of this; if the coaches can reach out to other coaches and make ice changes within themselves that is fine. VMHA will not make any schedule changes.

Goalies - There are multiple goalies that may be available for the 2023-2024 season. There are many circumstances that could change this in the near future. Blair Molsberry will keep us posted.

Treasurer's Report :

Year End is done; adjusting entries are done.

Rob McCulley made a motion that we pay Leckie and Associates for \$1819.65 for completing our year end. Seconded by Melissa Guenther. Motion carried.

Account Balances as of Sept 26, 2023;

VMHA Main Account \$171,501.76

Common Shares \$557.20

Raffle Account 1 \$0.00
Raffle Account 2 \$0.00
Casino \$0.00
Team Account \$63,878.15
Development Account \$19,262.34

VP Business Report:

Pucks have been picked up and given to Chase to disburse to teams. Burnt Rock is selling pucks at their store for purchase with the same logos.

We have 4 Game Day Sponsors to be used on weekends; that we will announce their sponsorship and display them. We are going to use the Game Day Sponsors on Non Tournament weekends.

VP Development Report:

Fall prep is almost completed; and next season we need to plan ahead and have it scheduled sooner. Goalie prep sessions are starting now. World Girls Ice Hockey Weekend is coming together, we have received \$3000 for this weekend. Sarah is working with Kam to finish a schedule for the rest of the season. Sarah has received lots of emails from Hockey Alberta; check out their website; good for players, coaches and development. Sarah has been putting out posts for tournaments by request. Manager Meetings and Tournament Coordinator's meetings will take place in early October; Sarah will get dates soon.

Coach Liaison Report:

Coaching positions are mostly filled and complete. Coaching course info has been shared. Looking for a wish list from coaches for training aids and resources. Hoping to have an updated coach manual, practice templates and coaches code of conduct. Coaches clinic is Oct 2 at 7 PM, there is also an online course on the same day. Coaching requirements must be completed by Nov 15/23. Give criminal record checks to Rob McCulley.

Registrar's Report:

U7 - 56
U9 - 42
U11F - 11
U11M - 27
U13M - 15
U15F - 13
U15M - 17
U18F - 19
U18M - 16

U7 and U9 do not need permits only for festivals. U11-U18 require travel permits for tournaments and if they host an exhibition game they need a sanction number from Blair Molsberry.

Discipline Report:

The G Form for Discipline is now on the website under Forms; it will show you are in your account, but it will not notify anyone that you sent it. There is a spot for someone to leave their info if they decide to. Sean would like to fine tune the Discipline Policy as there are some very gray areas and vague areas.

Website Report:

New season will start tomorrow on the website. Candice needs a sponsor update for the website and a jersey sponsor list for each team. Candice needs info for website coordinators so she can give them access to the VMHA site only.

Equipment Report:

All new sponsor bars are in. All the jerseys that needed to be repaired; were sent back to Ontario to be fixed; they are back and Blair will pick them up. Blair needs to know the teams that want name bars by Oct 7, 2023, so they can get them bulk ordered. He will need to know names and \$10/namebar and the team will take care of sewing them on. The manager needs to collect all the money; go with a majority vote.

RIC and Ice Scheduler's Report:

Refs are booked for the U11 intersquad game. Senior refs are being taken to do more elite hockey games due to ref shortages; which is causing an issue for Richard to schedule refs. Please contact Richard via text. Other associations do have other issues. Richard is wanting to know if there is a College contact to find some refs.

AGLC:

Nothing to report.

Fundraiser:

Cash Calendars for December. Krista needs a list provided that shows which kids are in a family as the cash calendar sales are per family.

Directors:

Melissa Guenther U7 - 56 kids, great coaches, 4 equal strength team; coaches have come forward asking for three bonded assistant coaches positions with such large groups and 60% of U7 kids are new (2 Coach 1's required), would like to see some older VMHA players to come help out on the ice (bring to Mitch Visser to facilitate)

Melissa Guenther made a motion that U7 is allowed 3 bonded assistant coaches for this season. Seconded by Chris Parchewsky. Motion carried.

Carmen Unland U9 - parent meeting went well, teams split up all went well, there are approx 40 sets of parents, and 32 sets of them are already doing bonded positions, what do we do? Carmen is going to assign Tournament Duties to each different team

Jenna Betz U11F - everything is good

Brad Wight U11M - no positions filled; evaluations this coming weekend; College Park is looking for some U15/U18 males to help to clean out some rooms and they will feed them and make a donation to the team

Chris Parchewsky U13M - all positions are filled; feels we need better communication with kids trying out (VMHA gets no notifications)

Amy Eyben U15F - have not had a team meeting; just filled manager and tournament coordinator; will meet with teams this or next week

Dwayne Sheppard U15M - had parent meeting this evening; all positions is filled

Kelsey Rose U18F - parent meeting coming up this weekend; will fill positions at the meeting

Brooke Fadden U18M - been asked to play an exhibition game with St. Paul, went to ice for Richard and he said no, need to wait for team ID number, Manager asked about team account; some positions are filled, but not all of them

Bonds:

Nothing at this time.

New Business:

None at this time.

Round Table:

Sarah Kastendieck - Can we get magnets for our teams for dressing room doors, for tournaments and away games? Sarah to contact Warren Teasdale for pricing.

Tori McMillan - What amounts are assigned to teams to pay for away tournaments? Spreadsheet forwarded to Tori. Tournament 50/50 are allowed and they will get 75% of the funds to spend for the team.

Brad Wight - Which team does he contact for the College Park job? Seeing as U18 male always does the Rotary Sale, U15 Male is the team to contact.

Jodi Selte - Would like to see Gala Income vs Expense Statement from MaryAnn Brokop.

Amy Eyben - U9 female team would like to know if bus to Fort McMurray is covered by VMHA due to advertising; U9 is not in the league and that is why Fort McMurray was covered as Fort McMurray was added to the league

Mitch Visser booked ice for the 3 on 3 tournament in December 2023.

Diane Tovell is starting to sew new jersey sponsor bars this Monday, she would like to see a second person help to complete this task.

Next Meeting Date:

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 26, 2023, at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned by Chris Parchewsky at 10:19 PM.